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Addendum

PROGRAMME QUESTIONS: EVALUATION (item 4 (b))

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on topics for future in-depth evaluation

1. At its 3rd meeting, on 10 June 1997, the Committee considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on topics for future in-depth evaluation, transmitted to it under cover of a note by the Secretary-General stating his concurrence with the recommendations contained in the report (E/AC.51/1997/4).

Discussion

2. While delegations found the proposals in paragraph 7 of the report generally acceptable, they considered that some flexibility was needed for in-depth evaluations due in 1999 and 2000 to take into account forthcoming decisions on reform. Some delegations also highlighted the advantages of joint consideration of the evaluation of crime prevention and criminal justice and international drug control. Several delegations stated that in addition to the considerations listed in paragraph 4 of the report, programmes that may be experiencing implementation difficulties should also be considered for in-depth evaluation. Some delegations expressed the view that the topics on "peacekeeping: start-up phase" and "peacekeeping: termination phase" should be treated in the appropriate order in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

Recommendations

3. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that the following schedule of in-depth evaluations be approved, keeping in mind the need for desired flexibility to accommodate possible changes that might arise in the context of the reform proposals of the Secretary-General and subsequent decisions that might be adopted by the General Assembly:

1998 International drug control

Crime prevention and criminal justice

1999 Disarmament

Electoral assistance

2000 Global development trends, issues and policies, and global approaches to social and microeconomic issues and policies, and the corresponding subprogrammes in the regional commissions (programmes 7.3 and 7.4 of the medium-term plan)

Advancement of women

4. The Committee noted that, if necessary, it might revert to the consideration of the issue at an appropriate stage.